

Citizens Advisory Committee for Marietta Parks (CACMP)

Minutes of the Meeting on July 15, 2010

Fire Station #1, Training Room

A public meeting of CACMP was called to order at approximately 7pm by Chairman, Jim King.

In attendance:

Ford Bohannon, Larry Ceminsky, Heath Garrett, Kim Gresh, Michael Helenek, Betty Hunter, Deb Huwaldt, Rev. Walter Moon, Melody Unger, Randy Weiner

Mike Gabler presented a report on current activity and project planning

New Project Manager – Rich Deckman has been hired as the Project Manager for parks projects

The following activities are currently underway or in the planning stages

Merritt Park, improved driveway. Adding shade structures.

Lewis Park, Fabric Shade Structures

Whitaker Park, will light the trail with lighting (possible solar), playground shade structure

Hill Park, 2 Chess Tables

Brown Park

Fencing, gates, bicycles/pedestrian trail by railroad

Landscaping, Irrigation System

Bronze sculptures cast. Tourism funding received

Hickory Hills Compiling data from survey

Responses, meeting was one month ago, folks like the plan

MAC TEC, engineering firm company will review the plans, including issues regarding water detention

Aviation Park

Meeting next week with 643 Baseball Company to discuss long-term lease at Aviation Park

July 1st Kim Gresh met with 643, Jim King, Rich Buss, & Johnny Sinclair. Agreement will coincide with term of council, (3 ½ years remain in current term). 6-4-3 will agree to scholarships and discounts for Marietta residents. The city would need to commit approximately \$600K from parks bond funds for capital improvement items such as complete field renovation (sod replacement), rehab batting cage and bleachers.

Custer Park. Beginning effort to establish a soccer program at this park.

Elizabeth Porter/Lawrence Street

Jim Morris created a report of the committee's findings on Recreation Centers. Rev. Moon presented those findings. It was stated there are a lack of programs. Residents of homes took core usage.

Lawrence Street/Elizabeth Porter Center for the summer is like a babysitting service. Free camp is offered there and 115 are registered, 50-70 attend daily from 10:30am-4:30pm M-F. Attendees of the camp program, they don't have to be a Marietta City resident.

Survey results found that citizens would like the facility for family reunions, wedding receptions for a \$75 Flat fee.

The population near the Lawrence Street center has matured. There are not many young people living in this area as in the past.

Historical Committee

Betty Hunter gave information of her findings about Dick Fletchers Farm, the Lockheed area and history.

Michael Helenek made a motion to request a liaison with the City to provide support for the Land Acquisition committee. Motion was seconded by Heath Garrett. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted, this 7th day of August 2010.

Deb Huwaldt, Assistant Secretary